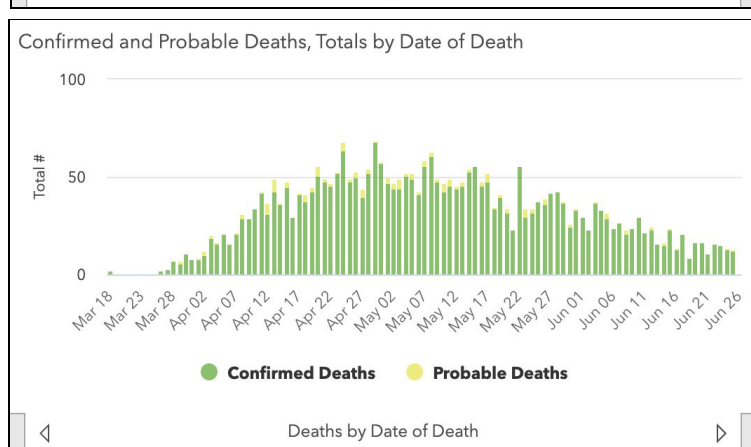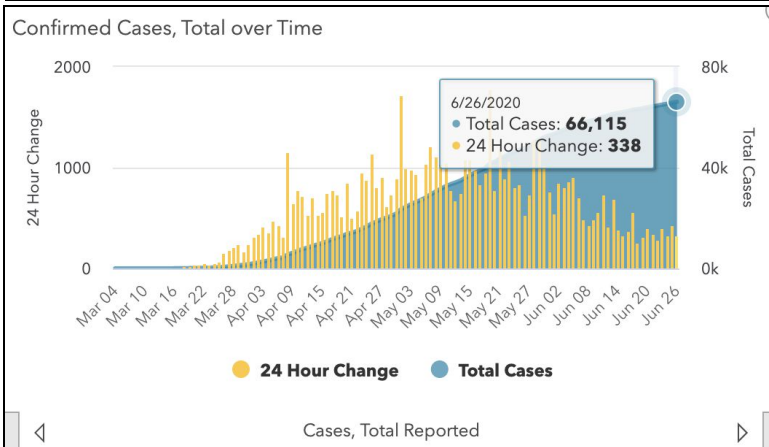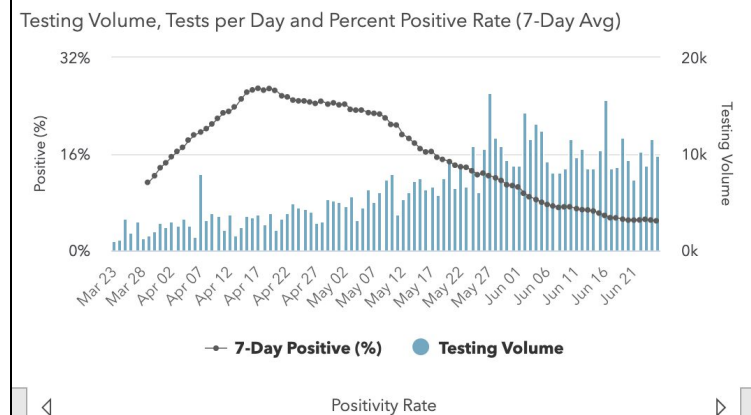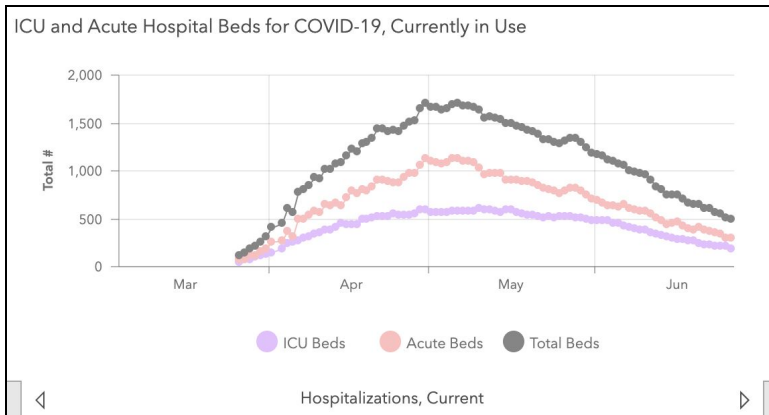# Coronavirus Update: June 26th
Congressman David Trone (MD-06)

Stats @ June 26, 4:00 pm

Charts are sourced from the Maryland [coronavirus](#) website. Every county is now in phase 2 of reopening.

MARYLAND DATA

ICU and Acute Hospital Beds for COVID-19, Currently in Use

Testing Volume, Tests per Day and Percent Positive Rate (7-Day Avg)

Confirmed Cases, Total over Time

6/26/2020
Total Cases: **66,115**
24 Hour Change: **338**

Confirmed and Probable Deaths, Totals by Date of Death

MD-06 County COVID-19 New Cases
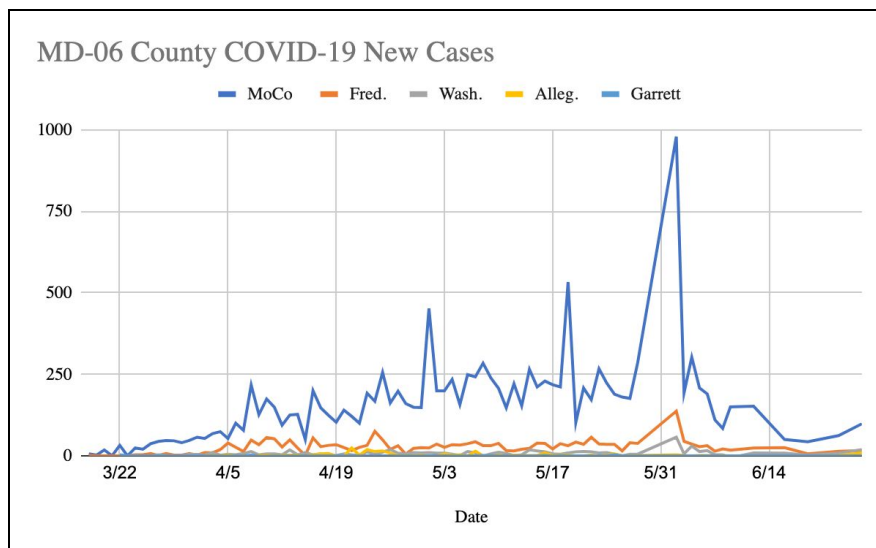
[Total cases reported](#): MoCo 14,381, Fred 2,441, Wash 611, Alleg 203, Garrett 10. MD: 66,115, MD deaths: 3,015.
As of 4:00 pm on June 26, the U.S. had recorded 2,469,187 confirmed cases and 126,277 deaths due to Coronavirus ([JHU](#)).

Federal News

- The pharmaceutical company Moderna has phase 2 trials underway for its COVID-19 vaccine candidate mRNA-1273 and is expected to begin phase 3 trials of testing (large scale safety & efficacy) as soon as July. Moderna is working in collaboration with NIH to develop the vaccine. ([Forbes](#))

- The United States saw a record number of new coronavirus cases in a single day Thursday, with 37,077 reported, according to Johns Hopkins University data. ([CNN](#))

- On Wednesday, Los Angeles County reported a two-day increase of 69 percent in coronavirus cases and now has the highest number of coronavirus cases of any county in the U.S. ([The Guardian](#)). As of Friday, the county has reported 91,577 confirmed cases ([JHU](#)).

- On Friday, Dr. Anthony Fauci said that the White House coronavirus task force is "seriously considering" pool testing for COVID-19. Pool testing is combining samples from multiple people and testing them as a group for the coronavirus. This way you can test, for example, 25 people with one test rather than 25 separate diagnostic tests. If the test comes back negative, then you have eliminated 25 people with one test. If you get a positive result, you go back and test people individually. Dr. Fauci acknowledged that the Trump administration's current testing strategy has so far proven inadequate. ([CNN](#))

Maryland Updates

- Prince George's County is set to begin a full phase two reopening at 5 p.m. Monday, which will permit access to fitness centers, shopping malls, childcare facilities and other businesses that had remained closed during the modified reopening earlier this month. As of Monday every county in the state will have now entered *full phase 2* of reopening. ([NBC 4](#))

- On Friday, Governor Larry Hogan announced a safe and phased reopening plan for Maryland's assisted living facilities as part of the state's commitment to protect vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Facilities that meet specific requirements, including having no active COVID-19 cases within the past 14 days, may begin relaxing restrictions and permit limited visitations. The plan requires universal screenings, widespread testing, sufficient PPEs, and all staff and visitors to wear face masks. ([Office of Gov Larry Hogan](#))

- Maryland's key COVID-19 health metrics continue to trend in a positive direction, with the statewide positivity rate dropping to a new low of 4.92%, and hospitalizations falling below 500 for the first time in 12 weeks. ([Office of Gov Larry Hogan](#))

District Updates

- Montgomery County
  a. A week into Phase 2, all metrics are showing improvement or adequate capacity. Since Thursday, there has been a rise in the number of new cases, but a drop in hospitalizations. The test positivity rate has also increased slightly.
  b. Friday morning, the [Maryland Department of Health](#) reported 14,471 cases of COVID-19 in Montgomery County, which is an increase of 90 from the 14,381 cases reported Thursday.
  c. The Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management has established a new Q&A task force team and [website](#) to respond to the questions and concerns of residents about Phase 2 re-openings.
  d. County Executive Marc Elrich held a [virtual media briefing](#) on Wednesday and mentioned safety precautions put in place during this phase to help prevent the spread of the virus. The Phase 3 reopening date has not been announced yet, and Elrich says it depends on the decrease in cases.

- Frederick County
  a. In Frederick County, there are 2,441 confirmed cases, an increase of 16 over the last 24 hours, and 109 related deaths.
  b. A top-of-the-line disinfecting device delivered to the county 911 call center has the ability to kill 99.9999 percent of viruses and bacteria.
  c. County Executive Jan Gardner (D) said Thursday she and other state leaders are paying close attention to childcare challenges as more businesses reopen. Gardner also said hazard pay will continue for county employees through the end of 2020.
  d. The Maryland Department of Health reported Wednesday there were six new coronavirus cases in the county over the last 24 hours.

- Washington County - No new updates

- Allegany County
  a. The Allegany County Health Department on Wednesday reported 10 new cases of COVID-19 since Monday. None of the new cases require hospitalization.

- Garrett County - No new updates